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- [redacted] 1. During the middle of March, the Tschurin Company in Harbin bought large quantities of gunny bags which are to be shipped to the Soviet Union. The price of each bag is \$1,200 and 1,500 [redacted] Red Army (Soviet?) currency. On March 27th, nine trains (cars?) loaded with gunny bags were seen on the 2nd Military Platform of the Harbin station. The train's destination was Tsitsihar; however, after investigation it was determined that the goods were to be shipped to Manchouli. (117-27, 49-36).

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- [redacted] 2. A number of areas, including the thirteen districts whose capitals are at Suihua (126-58, 46-38), Mingshui (125-50, 47-14), Lintien (124-55, 47-11), Tetu (126-11, 48-31) Wangk'uei (126-28, 46-50), Suileng (127-19, 47-09), Hailun (126-58, 47-25), Paich'uan (126-17, 47-33), Ian (125-27, 47-27), T'ungpei (126-45, 48-10), K'otung (126-20, 48-07), R'oshan (125-59, 48-04), and Lungchen (126-54, 48-44) ship their farm products such as beans, sorghum and potatoes, to Peian (126-34, 48-15) for storage in the former Japanese rice warehouse known in Chinese as the Sant'ai Chan (三泰倉). These products have been collected and shipped to the USSR by the Chinese Communists in exchange for munitions. During October, November and December, 1946, 70,000 tons of produce were shipped by road from Peian to the USSR. On 8 January people in Harbin reported that produce was still being shipped to the USSR.

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- [redacted] 3. In the Communist-held northern Manchurian areas, Soviet authorities are buying large quantities of cereals, especially soya beans. The buying started in the beginning of February. The cereals are bought in all large towns and cities along the Chung Ch'ang (中長) Railway (between Suifenho and Manchouli).

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- [redacted] 4. The Chinese Communist military authorities in Harbin are preparing an agreement with the Soviet forces (?) to exchange wheat, sorghum, soya beans, beef and mutton for the following arms:

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- a. Rifles; .38 caliber "Wuch'i" [MUSAKE] (武馬) type, .99 (?), .44 and .79 (?) caliber, and Hanlinch'un" (翰林春) type. Total: 50,000 pieces.

- b. Anti-tank guns, field guns, howitzers and mountain guns; number unknown.

The agreement, as yet, has not been completed.

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5. Since 11 March 1947, trains from Manchouli have been arriving daily in Harbin, carrying guns, ammunition and other war materiel. The war materiel is delivered to the Chinese Communists who distribute it to Communist units at the front. It is believed that these weapons are delivered to the Chinese Communists in exchange for foodstuffs which are sent to the USSR.

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6. Cereals recently bought up by the Soviet-established Far-Eastern Trading Company in Harbin were transported to the USSR by rail on April 1947. Everyday, beginning at 0700, 17 to 21 trainloads (car loads?) leave the city. (Changchun comment: The Communists gathered much grain on their last two drives toward Changchun. This grain could be prior payment for military supplies.)

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